

REMARKS

This application has been revised and the following remarks are submitted in light of the Office Action mailed October 28, 2004. Claims 1-29 are presented for examination. Claims 1-3 and 13 have been amended, and Claims 21-29 have been added.

The claim amendments and new claims presented herein are fully supported by the specification as originally filed. Claims 1 and 13 are amended to correct a typographical error, and Claims 2 and 3 are amended to include a period at the end of each claim. New Claims 21 and 22 are supported by the specification at page 4, line 22 – page 5, line 6. New Claims 23-29 are supported by original Claims 4-10 in combination with Claim 13. No new matter has been added.

Applicants note with appreciation the statement in the Office Action that Claims 2 and 3 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Objection to Claims 2 and 3

Claims 2 and 3 are objected to because they have no period at the end of each claim. These claims have been amended to include a period at the end of each claim. Applicants therefore submit that this objection to Claims 2 and 3 has been overcome.

Rejection of Claims 1 and 4-20 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) over Kanagasabapathy et al.

Claims 1 and 4-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Pub. No. 2004/0161698 to Kanagasabapathy et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection, on the grounds that the Kanagasabapathy et al. application is not available as prior art against the present invention.

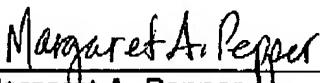
Under 35 U.S.C. 102(e), the Kanagasabapathy et al. application may be considered prior art only if it was filed prior to the invention by the Applicants. The Kanagasabapathy et al. application claims priority to a provisional application filed on

October 21, 2002. The present invention, however, was made by Applicants prior to the Kanagasabapathy et al. priority date. Evidence of an earlier date of invention is provided in the Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 submitted herewith. The Kanagasabapathy et al. application, therefore, is not available as prior art against the present invention.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 1 and 4-20 are not anticipated by Kanagasabapathy et al., and therefore request withdrawal of this rejection.

No fee is believed to be due for the submission of this amendment and response. If any fees are required, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

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